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SUBJECT: U.S.-POLISH CULTURAL TALKS

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1. PUBLISHING -- WE SHARE YOUR NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE POLISH PROPOSAL TO SET UP A FUND FOR TRANSLATING PLAYS AND BOOKS. THE PROPOSAL MAY STEM FROM RICHMOND'S CONVERSATIONS WITH KAROL MALCUZYNSKI, BUT THE POLISH DELEGATES DID NOT ELABORATE UPON THE IDEA IN OUR DISCUSSION. UNLESS SOME PRIVATE U.S. FOUNDATION IS INTERESTED, WE CANNOT IDENTIFY ANY LIKELY SOURCE FOR A U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH A FUND.

2. TEXTBOOKS -- WE AGREE WITH YOUR APPROACH. IT MAY BE REPEATING THE OBVIOUS, BUT IT STRIKES US THAT THE VERY NOTION OF "VERIFYING" TEXTBOOKS IS AN UNFEASIBLE AND UNPALATABLE ENDEAVOR. WE SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING BEYOND LETTING THE POLES APPROACH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLISHERS AND PERHAPS AGREEING TO NOTIFY THE GOP OF MAJOR U.S. EDUCATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND BOOK DISPLAYS. IN DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC, YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT AS RECIPROCITY THE POLES ARRANGE SIMILAR CONTACTS FOR US WITH THE POLISH PUBLISHERS OF TEXTBOOKS WHICH MENTION THE UNITED STATES. (COMMENT: IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE INDEED IF THE DEPARTMENT OPENED ITSELF TO THE ACCUSATION THAT IT WAS HELPING A COMMUNIST

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STATE CENSOR U.S. TEXTBOOKS END COMMENT.)

3. CONTACTS FOR THE POLISH VISITORS -- AMBASSADOR BARTOSZEK SAID THAT HE WOJLD "RELY UPON THE AMERICAN SIDE" FOR SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING CONTACTS. HE SAID THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET AMBASSADOR MARKS AND MR. WELD. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING THEIR VISIT TO POLAND AMBASSADOR MARKS AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE GIVEN A LUNCH AT PARKOWA BY AMBASSADOR BARTOSZEK'S PREDECESSOR. THE GOP ALSO WAS MOST HOSPITABLE TO ARBA DIRECTOR JOHN WARNER DURING HIS VISIT TO POLAND FOR THE OPENING OF THE FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON EXHIBIT. YOU MAY WISH TO ARRANGE A MEETING OF THE POLISH DELEGATION WITH MR. WARNER. ARRANGEMENTS FOR A MEETING WITH A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION ALSO WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THE SMITHSONIAN IS INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF ZLOTY-SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION WITH POLISH INSTITUTIONS. IT WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE FOR THE DELEGATES TO VIEW THE POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE POLISH ART EXHIBITION REFERED TO IN PARA. G OF REFTEL B. YOU MAY WIHS TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH SOMEONE FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS WHICH IS NIVOLVED IN PROJECTS WITH IREX AND WILL SUPPORT THE SECOND ROUND TABLE OF POLISH AND AMERICAN HEISTOIANIS WHICH WILL BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA. FINALLY, WE SUGGEST AN EVENING AT THE KENNEDY CENTER OR A TOUR OF IT.

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